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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board Principals

SUBJECT : China Intelligence Activities

REFERENCES : (a) USIB-M-395, 1 July 1965
(b) Attachment to USIB-D-58.1/3, 19 Jul 65: List of Representatives Designated by USIB Agencies to Work with [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] on Intelligence Activities 25X1 Concerning Communist China
(c) Terms of Reference

1. On 1 July 1965 I announced the designation of [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] a member of my staff, as China Intelligence Activities Coordinator (CIAC). He has functioned in that capacity since that time, using my USIB statement (Ref (a)) as a basis for his activity. The course of time has indicated the need for a more precise statement of the actions which I expect to occur with regard to improving our intelligence status on China. I therefore, on 6 April 1966, approved the attached Terms of Reference (Ref (c)).

2. The need for an improved intelligence data base on Communist China has, I believe, become even more pressing over the past year. Some progress has been made in increasing assets in both the collection and production areas to work on the China problem and a number of projects have been started against specific objectives, some of which are fairly short-range and others of which will take some time to mature. As a result, our general intelligence appreciation of the Communist Chinese has improved.

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However, in view of our present and probable continuing confrontation with that country and the fact that there are still many unknowns with regard to China, it is important that we continue our efforts to further improve our capabilities. I solicit your personal support in furthering our intelligence competency on China and I welcome any suggestions you might make.

(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. Raborn
Director

Attachment:
Terms of Reference

cc: DDI
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ExSec., USIB
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D/DCI/NIPE
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TERMS OF REFERENCE
DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator

References: (a) USIB-M-395, 1 July 1965, Item 4
(b) USIB-D-58.1/3, 19 July 1965

1. In order to provide for continuous monitoring and review of the intelligence community's collective efforts against Communist China and for a means of drawing to the DCI's and the USIB's attention steps which might be taken to eliminate deficiencies or effect improvements in these efforts, the Director of Central Intelligence appointed [redacted] to be his representative with respect to intelligence activities concerning Communist China (Ref. /a/). USIB members and the Military Services have designated senior individuals to work with [redacted] in his role as DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator (CIAC) (Ref. /b/). 25X1 25X1

2. The DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator is charged with the following responsibilities:

a. Stimulation of ideas and initiation of actions to improve the overall US intelligence capability against Communist China.

b. Coordination of all aspects of the intelligence activities, including both collection and production, of the US intelligence community with respect to Communist China to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to improve the information data base and to raise the intelligence competency on that country to a level which will be adequate for our national needs. In this connection, the CIAC is authorized direct access to officials responsible for and cognizant of US operations for the collection of intelligence information and to officials responsible for research, analysis and production of intelligence. The CIAC should keep informed on all such activities and ensure that coordination among components involved is effected as appropriate and necessary.

c. Review of all intelligence activities in the US Government with respect to Communist China, with responsibility for making recommendations for improvements where necessary

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and for ensuring that appropriate action is taken to implement such recommendations. Where required, contact may be established with individuals, groups or institutions outside the US Government.

d. Conduct of periodic surveys of the US intelligence data base on Communist China and analyses to determine the weaknesses in that base; and formulation of recommendations for specific measures to be taken to improve the data base.

e. Analysis of gaps in the US intelligence information on Communist China and formulation of recommendations aimed at filling these gaps, through deeper analysis of material already available, additional collection actions or any other mode which may be devised.

3. The China Intelligence Activities Coordinator will report directly to the Director of Central Intelligence, and will keep the DCI and the USIB advised of progress made by the CIAC and by the intelligence community with respect to the problem of intelligence activities against Communist China.

4. When it is apparent that an action is desirable and the authority exists under which this action can be taken by an agency (or agencies) represented on the China Intelligence Activities Coordination Group (CIACG), it is expected that such action will be implemented within the capabilities of such agency or agencies. When such actions are beyond the purview of any representative on the CIACG, or are of such import as to require action by either the DCI or the USIB, the CIAC will make the necessary recommendations to the DCI and/or to the USIB.

5. The authority herein delegated to the CIAC on matters concerning intelligence activities on Communist China does not supersede present lines of command. Rather, the CIAC is responsible for the stimulation of overall intelligence efforts against Communist China through established command lines.

[(signed) W. F. Raborn

W. F. Raborn
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : China Intelligence Activities

1. The attached memorandum is for the Director's signature.

2. The various efforts which have been initiated to improve our intelligence competency on China have in some instances gotten off to a good start, but others have lost some emphasis because of conflicting demands upon personnel in key positions or because of changes in those personnel.

3. In this regard, the Terms of Reference for the China Intelligence Activities Coordinator, which you recently approved, should be distributed to the heads of agencies which constitute the intelligence community as this document represents a strengthening of the position of the China Coordinator as well as a manifestation of your desire to get on with the task of improving our intelligence competency in the manner which you originally envisioned. I think it appropriate that in distributing the Terms of Reference you also include the statement contained in the 2nd paragraph of the proposed memorandum to emphasize your continued interest and your expectation of the continued full support of the community in this endeavor.

S/

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DCI China Intelligence Activities Coordinator

Attachment a/s

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John:

I'm not sure why Ex Dir got this. Assume it should go straightaway to DDCI and DCI.

But, why the business of a carbon copy for DDCI? Wouldn't the other addressees regard this with curiosity?

Second, C.I.A is at the moment at work trying to say (in answer to DCI's question put to Red White) specifically whether or not and to what extent raw material on China is ignored. Aren't we in danger of putting DCI on the ~~[illegible]~~ can say something more specific about this?

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Remarks:

I thought perhaps you should see this before it goes in to the DCI. As you will recall, he approved the Terms of Reference for the China Coordinator during the first part of April and this is an effort to get it distributed to the heads of the various agencies who have representatives participating in the Group's work.

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OK — except for point made in our phone conversation [redacted]

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